



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YOSHIOKA et al.**

Serial No.: **09/957,470**

Group Art Unit: **1763**

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Examiner: **BUEKER, Richard R.**

For: **LIQUID SUBSTANCE SUPPLY DEVICE FOR VAPORIZING SYSTEM,
VAPORIZER, AND VAPORIZATION PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL METHOD**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated September 8, 2003.

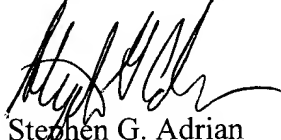
In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1, 6, 10 and 16; Group (II), Claims 2, 7 and 11; Group (III), Claims 3-5, 8-9 and 12-13; Group (IV), Claims 14-15; Group (V), Claims 17-18; Group (VI), Claims 19-28; and Group (VII), Claim 29.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (VI), Claims 19-28 for prosecution in this application. This election is made with traverse, it being understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen G. Adrian', written over the printed name.

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